

News Release

39th Annual Ag Arama Royalty Crowned at U of M Crookston; Senior Victoria Martin wins 2014 True Grit Award

By Itollefs on Tuesday, February 4, 2014The 39th Annual Ag Arama royalty were named during this longstanding University of Minnesota Crookston campus tradition on Saturday, January 25, 2014.

Crowned this year were King Dustin Smith, a senior from Browerville, Minn., double majoring in agricultural business and agronomy; Queen Katie Nenn, a senior from Wyoming, Minn., majoring in animal science; Princess Amber Pesall, a sophomore from New Brighton, Minn., double majoring in agricultural business and equine science; and Prince Luke Lundeby, a sophomore from Osnabrock, N.D., majoring in agricultural systems management. The royalty are selected through a rigorous application process involving the evaluation of student achievements and interviews by a panel of judges to help determine who best reflects the goals and spirit of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Department. Student votes are also used to decide the winners. The 2014 True Grit Award was given to Victoria Martin,



a senior from Worland, Wyoming, majoring in animal science. The True Grit Award is the highest honor distributed to a student who best demonstrates the hardworking, persistent spirit of Todd Opsahl, a U of M Crookston student in 1973-1974, whose life was cut short by leukemia. This year's Ag Arama was dedicated to Susan Jacobson, a long time faculty member and alumna. Each year, students and faculty in the Agriculture and Natural Resources Department dedicate Ag Arama to



someone who has been influential in agriculture at the U of M Crookston. Ag Arama Royalty For Ag Arama King the candidates were Donovan Rupprecht, a junior from Fertile, Minn., majoring in animal science;Dustin Smith, a senior from Browerville, Minn., double majoring in agricultural business and agronomy; Timothy Staudahar, a senior from Hibbing, Minn., majoring in horticulture; Sam Haugen, a junior from Fertile, Minn., majoring in agronomy; and Kevin Bunde, a junior from Parkers Prairie, Minn., majoring in agricultural systems management. Queen candidates included Rochelle Herzog, a junior from Randall, Minn., majoring in animal science; Sarah Morris, a senior from Ramsey, Minn., majoring in animal science; Emily Krull, a senior from Two Harbors, Minn., majoring in equine science; Chelsey Hettver, a senior from Brainerd, Minn., majoring in animal science; and Katie Nenn, a senior from Wyoming, Minn., majoring in animal science. Candidates for Ag Arama Prince were Luke Lundeby, a sophomore from Osnabrock, N.D., majoring in agricultural systems management; Keith Yorek, a freshman from Little Falls, Minn., majoring in animal science; John DeBuhr, a sophomore from Chokio, Minn., majoring in aviation; Aaron Bengtson, a freshman from Battle Lake, Minn., majoring in agronomy; and Karson Dahl, a sophomore from Drayton, N.D., majoring in agronomy. Princess candidates included Amberly Pesall, a sophomore from New Brighton, Minn., double majoring in agricultural business and equine science; Caitlin Wirth, a junior from Frazee, Minn., majoring in animal science; Kaylin Beatty, a sophomore from Andover, Minn., majoring in equine science; Rebekah Landmark, a freshman from Montevideo, Minn., double majoring in animal science and agronomy; and Marilyn Lewis,a freshman from Bemidji, Minn., majoring in animal science.

Today the University of Minnesota Crookston delivers 29 bachelor's degree programs, 20 minors, and 36 concentrations on campus--as well as 13 degrees online--in the areas of agriculture and natural resources; business; liberal arts and education; and math, science and technology. With an enrollment of 1,800 undergraduates from more than 20 countries and 40 states, the Crookston campus offers a supportive, close-knit atmosphere that leads to a prestigious University of Minnesota degree. "Small Campus. Big Degree." To learn more, visit www.umcrookston.edu.

In the photo, top right: Back row: Sam Haugen, Kevin Bunde, King Dustin Smith, Queen Katie Nenn, and Donovan Rupprecht. Front row: Rochelle Herzog, Sarah Morris, Chelsey Hettver, and Emily Krull.

In the photo, top left: Back row: Aaron Bengtson, Keith Yorek, Princess Amber Pesall, Prince Luke Lundeby, Karson Dahl. ront row: Marilyn Lewis, Kaylin Beatty, Caitlin Wirth, John DeBuhr, and Rebekah Landmark.

In the photo, center right: Victoria Martin, True Grit Award winner.

In the photo, bottom left: Catlin Kersting (left) presented the dedication of Ag Arama to Susan Jacobson (right).

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